

Hanover, Ontario
May 29, 1946

Miss Kathleen Parlow
30 Prince Arthur Avenue
TORONTO, Ontario

Dear Miss Parlow:

May I thank you again, both for myself, my sisters and Mr. Hingley, for the evening of genuine pleasure and enjoyment you gave to us on Sunday, May 19th. It was a real honour to be among those fortunate enough to be present, and I can assure you that it was a treat we will long cherish and remember.

I hesitate to make comment on your programme other than to say I enjoyed every bit. The more I study, the more I hear, seems to make me more acutely aware of my own lack of knowledge, but, I am also glad to say, it gives me a corresponding desire to learn, and heightens my sense of appreciation. I was not familiar with the Tchaikowsky Quartet in Eb Minor (how do you ever play in such keys and make it sound so perfect?), or the Beethoven Quartet, but I did enjoy them so much. Somehow the Beethoven didn't sound like I usually expect Beethoven to sound--this seemed a different Beethoven, a little lighter in character perhaps, a little less profound--but all very satisfying and enjoyable. It was a pleasure to hear the Debussy again after hearing you give it in Hamilton last Fall--like being among old friends, recalling each lovely phrase. For sheer beauty this Quartet would be hard to beat.

It would have been nice to have been able to stay somewhat later at the conclusion of the programme, what with such delicious refreshments and the distinguished company, but I was rather anxious to get started on the long drive home. I do hope you will understand and forgive me for my seeming haste. I am looking forward to hearing Joseph Pach on Mr. Hersenhoren's programme this week, and I know you must feel proud of his success. Thank you very much for your many kindnesses and your interest. I appreciate it more than I can say, and am grateful for the honour you have shown to me.

With every good wish for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely,

Alban Knechtel

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